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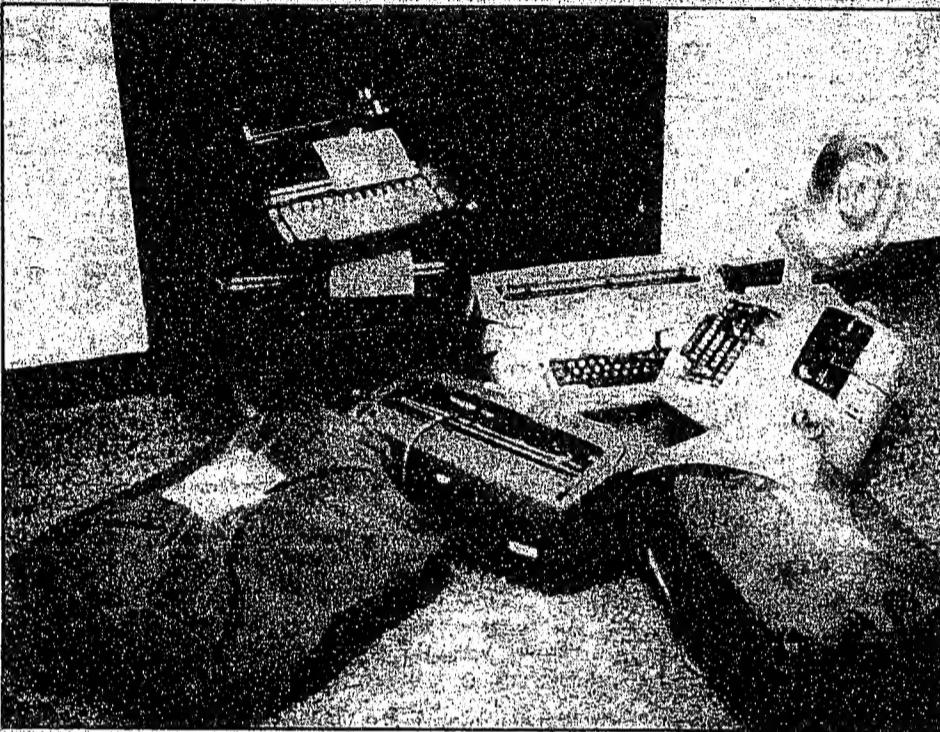
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Stacked typewriters follow president/regent veto



Several damaged typewriters were placed in front of former President/Regent R.L. Kerrigan's office door following his veto of a resolution to purchase new typewriters for the Typing Center.

By JOHN ROOD
News Editor

Complaints may be filed as the result of an incident involving former Student President/Regent R.L. Kerrigan and his veto of the purchase of 17 new typewriters. Student Sen. John Majorek said.

Following Kerrigan's veto during finals week last month, an unidentified person stacked old, damaged typewriters from the Typing Center in front of Kerrigan's office door. Attached to the stack was a note suggesting Kerrigan use the semester break to repair the machines, he said.

Kerrigan stacked the machines to the side of his office door. The following day, Kerrigan said he again found the machines stacked in front of his door. This time, he used a different method to remove the typewriters.

"I pushed the typewriters with my foot onto the floor," Kerrigan said.

Kerrigan denied comments made by student senators that he kicked the typewriters and then stepped on them.

"It wasn't like I was going crazy or anything. I don't know where people got that," he said.

According to Student Senate Executive Treasurer Greg Gunderson, Kerrigan knocked the typewriters over the first time they were stacked.

"He put them next to his door after he knocked over the stack. The joke was in bad taste, but R.L.'s response was really inappropriate," Gunderson said.

A separate complaint may arise because of

the way Kerrigan's brother, Senate Speaker Tim Kerrigan, handled an earlier attempt to override the veto, Majorek said.

In a Dec. 7 letter to student senators, R.L. Kerrigan said he was vetoing the purchase of typewriters because he was concerned the senate had approved the measure too quickly.

"I believe the senate should tread more slowly when allocating monies," Kerrigan said in the letter.

Because senators thought the purchase had officially been vetoed, the Senate Executive Committee called a special meeting of the senate on Dec. 14 to override the veto.

At the meeting, Tim informed senators the senate could not meet to override the veto because R.L. had not officially vetoed the measure yet.

In order to call a meeting for another purpose, the senators were told the meeting would need to be approved by the entire senate. Majorek said. A motion to call the meeting failed by one vote.

Some senators plan to file a complaint with the senate's Oversight Committee because it has been suggested that Tim and R.L. planned to postpone the veto so the meeting could not be called.

"There is a question as to whether there was some conspiracy or collusion in order to postpone the override," Majorek said.

Kerrigan said he worked to override the veto, but his brother Tim was not involved.

"I did everything in the book to keep it (the veto) from getting overridden, but Tim wasn't in on it. He was in an unfortunate position, and he was just trying to do his job."

Voucher co-signer sought; board appoints student

By MARK ELLIOTT
Senior Reporter

The UNO Publications Committee has decided to make the *Gateway*'s student editor the co-signer for the newspaper's payment vouchers.

That decision was an alternative to the administrative proposal to make Al Karle, the Student Center's acting director, the co-signer. Currently, the only signature required on the vouchers is Rosalie Meiches, the *Gateway*'s publications manager.

The *Gateway*'s payment vouchers authorize the university to pay reporters and editors as well as pay for office supplies and other purchases.

All of UNO's agencies which receive Fund A (student fee) money have two or more signatures on their payment vouchers except the *Gateway*, said Greg Gunderson, Student Government's executive treasurer.

Gunderson said he initially brought his concerns about the *Gateway* to the administration following the incidents with Joel Zarr in 1987.

"What happened raised the concerns of everyone," Gunderson said.

Zarr, former manager of Student Activities, resigned in September amid allegations he committed UNO to real estate contracts that allowed him personal financial gain.

A Dec. 9 memo to Meiches, from Karle, said all *Gateway* payment vouchers must be forwarded to his office for a second signature.

Meiches brought the memo to the attention of the Publications Committee the following day, where the alternative solution was proposed.

During discussion on the issue, several members of the committee expressed First Amendment concerns about whether a member of the administration should be the co-signer.

Gunderson, who attended the meeting, told committee members the extra signature would not be used as a censoring tool.

"I've never seen anything not get signed," he said. "It hasn't been used as a control measure."

When asked what would happen if the co-signer refused to sign a payment voucher, Gunderson said, "They could hold you up for as long as it took to go over their heads."

The committee looked at making the committee chairman, *Gateway* adviser and the student editor the co-signer before choosing the latter.

Karle said he favors the added signature for the *Gateway*, but also said he doesn't care who does the signing.

"It really doesn't make a difference who the signatures are," he said.

Karle said the added signature would make the *Gateway*'s payment procedures like the other student agencies.

"It's a matter to make everything basically the same," he said.

Gunderson said Richard Hoover, vice chancellor of Educational and Student Services, is looking at the Publications Committee's alternative and will "discuss it with auditors and accountants" to see if it is acceptable.

"Potentially, it could be accepted, and potentially, it could not be," Gunderson said.

When reached at home Sunday evening, Hoover said he had not received anything from the Publications Committee.

Larry King, Publications Committee chairman and metro editor at the Omaha World-Herald, said he considered the university's actions a "wise move to make."

If the Publications Committee proposal is not accepted, he said, it would go back to the committee.

"I don't know what the board would decide," he said, "but I'd be willing to talk to someone about it."

In other action:

• Jill Bruckner was chosen to replace Helene Quigley as the *Gateway*'s advertising manager.

Bruckner, a senior public relations major, will serve until the end of the spring semester.

• The committee discussed complaints concerning the *Gateway*'s Dec. 4 story, "SPO hopes to 'Sting' Omaha with major concert."

Several student editors reported they were told Student Programming Organization members felt the story had jeopardized efforts to bring Sting, a rock singer, to Omaha.

The committee, without an official vote, decided the information deserved to be printed because it was obtained at an open meeting of the Student Senate.

No members of SPO were present.

Request goes to Legislature

Regents adopt salary plan

By DEANA VODICKA
Copy Editor

Tuition could increase by approximately \$3.50 per credit hour as part of an effort to raise salaries for university employees next year, according to a plan approved by the Board of Regents Dec. 12.

The tuition increase would generate \$2.7 million in addition to a request to the Legislature for \$12.9 million in state funds for salary increases during 1988-89.

The request, submitted by University of Nebraska President Ronald Roskens, would increase salaries over a three-year period.

The tuition increase plan does not specify whether the hike would be an across-the-board increase or an increase intended for specialized categories of students.

Earlier, the Legislature set a 3 percent salary increase for all university employees for 1988-89. Under the university's plan, the budget for faculty increases is set at \$3.1 million and \$2.2 million for non-faculty. The total budget for salary increases is set at \$5.3 million.

Under the three-year plan, faculty salaries at the university would increase by 12 percent in 1988-89, 11.25 percent in 1989-90 and 11 percent in 1990-91.

Roskens proposed non-faculty salary increases of 11.5 percent the first year, 11 percent the second and 10.75 percent the third.

For UNO, the proposed salary increases are 9.7 percent for 1988-89, 9.3 percent for 1989-90 and 9.2 percent for 1990-91.

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—John Rood

A festive occasion

More than 600 hundred parking spaces were relinquished as the result of commencement ceremonies on Dec. 19. More than 450 undergraduate and nearly 150 graduate students received their degrees. Political science professor Kent Kirwan spoke to the graduates, speaking on "The Constitution, Education and You."

Comment

Staff changes leave Gateway in utter confusion

You hold in your sweaty little hands the spring 1988 edition of the Gateway. We, the staff, hope you will enjoy reading this semester's Gateway as much as we enjoy bringing it to you twice a week.

There have been a few personnel changes since last time you picked up the paper. Among them, Deana Vodicka, last semester's Editor in Chief, is now our copy editor. John Rood, past senior reporter, now mans the helm in the news department.

We've also acquired a handful of new columnists for the editorial page including John Rood, Steve Chase and Tim Kaldahl.

As a columnist, Rood's writing will concentrate on campus issues. Chase, a senior journalism, pre-law and political science major, will concentrate on national affairs issues and Kaldahl will write light-weight humor pieces of little or no consequence to anyone.

I will also contribute editorials which will appear in this space every issue, hopefully.

By the way, returning this semester will be Dan Swiatek as the feature editor and Terry O'Connor as sports editor, not to mention a whole bunch of veteran reporters and photographers from last semester.

We ask that you drop us a line if you have any story ideas. We're always looking for something to write about. We're also looking for talented writers and photographers to work in all of our departments. If you're interested, drop by the Annex 26 and talk to a staffer about writing for the Gateway.

— TIM McMAHAN

U.S.-Soviet relations rest on good deal from Radio Shack

The future of relations between the Soviet Union and the United States may not rely on the reduction of nuclear weapons between the two countries, but rather in getting a good deal from Radio Shack or Sears.

The reason for this stems from a report that came out on Jan. 5 in the Soviet newspaper, Izvestia. The article stressed

Steve Chase

Gateway Columnist

that the economic reforms made under Gorbachev's glasnost or "openness" policies are not working to stimulate the Soviet economy.

Glasnost, for the most part, was instigated in 1985 to stimulate economic growth by allowing more freedom for the Soviet population. Most of these changes — people criticizing the government and permitting some private enterprise and more individual rights — were done to stimulate the stagnant Soviet economy.

The problem with this comes from permitting some Soviet citizens to own and run small businesses or moonlight for additional income. The people who do this have extra spending money, but now have nothing to spend it on.

When it comes to money, the Soviet people are like any other people. They like to spend their money.

Alcohol was the main luxury item in the USSR until Gorbachev cracked down on its availability because of the high rate of alcoholism.

So now these people with the extra money want something else. The items in demand are the consumer goods that are quite common in American markets. Everything from shoes to VCRs are desired by people with money to spend.

Consumer goods have become more and more scarce in the Soviet economy because of former Secretary Leonid I. Brezhnev's 18-year rule.

During his regime (1964-1982), much of the economy was moved to producing military items, leaving a scarcity of the basic consumer goods.

Gorbachev seems to have realized that there should be a revitalization in consumer goods production in order for the communist system to survive. But this will take time.

This is where Sears and Radio Shack come in. If Gorbachev wants the glasnost reforms to survive, he could use some of the leftovers from the last "White Sale" at Sears to boost confidence in the economy.

And think what he could do with a Radio Shack Christmas catalog. With the Tandy Company's layaway plan, the Soviet Union could pay off its bills when the economy is back in shape.

It doesn't need to be anything big, but a simple trade of the things we take for granted in this society could lead to better relations with the Soviet Union.

Although the USSR may always be communist and an enemy to the free world, it wouldn't be a bad idea for the United States to take advantage of this opportunity.

And who knows? This simple trade may lead to something more important, such as another weapons reduction.

Radio station's move leaves bittersweet taste

Music playing through toasters, refrigerators, phones, VCRs and hearing aids

Something from out of Poltergeist IX or Friday the 13th part 86?

The Cosby kids' Halloween special?

Three Men And A Baby Go To Transylvania?

Nope. It's your favorite 12-in-a-row station. That's right. There's a fairly good chance you've experienced the Sweet 98 phenomena if you've ever tried to use any electrical equipment in the downtown area. Pick up the phone and listen. On a good (or bad) day, Sweet 98 comes through loud and clear.

I'd always known KQKQ had the strongest FM signal in Omaha (100,000 watts, compared to 3,000 at KVNO), but I didn't notice how strong until I started a job downtown. The boss asked me to check on something with the Red

Cross. When I complemented a secretary on the up-to-date Muzak they used, she groaned and told me about the problems they had with the Sweet 98 signal.

Things got worse after I installed a new car stereo in my car a couple of years ago. I tried to tune in the channel selectors while driving home from downtown. Sweet 98 was easy

John Rood
Gateway Columnist

enough to pick up at 98.5 on the FM dial. The only problem was it was also easy to pick it up at 90.7 (KVNO), 92.3 (KEZO) and 99.9 (KGOR).

Undaunted, I switched the channel selectors over to AM. I could still listen to KFAB (just for the news, folks) right? Wrong.

I twisted the dial and there was good ol' Sweet 98 again. Sweat came to my brow as I searched in vain for WOW hoping for the first time in my life to hear the homespun twang of

Country Bob or someone else at (Argh!) the radio ranch.

There, again, was Sweet 98!

But regardless of what the Z-92s of the world said, it wasn't that big a deal to me. I actually *liked* Sweet 98 at that particularly deluded stage of my life. And so, unlike many others, I never complained. In fact, when the new toaster oven at work started playing Sweet 98, I kind of enjoyed it.

Time goes on. People change. And eventually I got sick of the bubble gum-type songs and stupid contests the station put me through.

It was at this point that I started to make life miserable for those who cared about me most. I began to alienate my closest friends just as they had earlier alienated me for listening to KQKQ in the first place.

Like the Grinch who stole Christmas, I moaned and complained about Sweet 98, my cheap car stereo and anything associated with either of the two.

Times were tough until my friends gave in and bought me a new car stereo over the holidays.

And so they gave the Grinch a heart and everything's OK now, right? Wrong.

According to a story in Saturday's Omaha World-Herald, Sweet 98 plans to move its antenna out of the downtown area to a 72nd and Crown Point location.

By moving out of the more populated area Sweet 98 will stop tickling people off and also comply with recent changes in FCC guidelines, the story said.

Of course, the Herald didn't say anything about the poor people who will be Sweet 98's new neighbors.

Wouldn't you love to see the look on the face of the retired person who turns on a hearing aid during the first broadcast from the new transmitter?

Nobody should have to listen to Madonna in the morning.

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News Briefs

Basic Musicianship taught

The College of Continuing Studies is offering Basic Musicianship, a non-credit class emphasizing development in music reading, music notation and other basic skills. Participants will be grouped by skill level, and the course is open to all ages. Karen Bates will teach the 12-session course, which began yesterday. For more information, call 554-8309.

Nursing center dedicated

The University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) will dedicate the Niedfelt Nursing Research Center at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14. The center is named in honor of the late Florence A. Niedfelt who donated \$610,000 to UNMC in 1984 to further the nursing program. Dr. Ada Sue Hinshaw, director of the Bethesda, Md.-based National Center for Nursing Research, will participate in the ceremony.

Robinson Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the James H. Robinson Internship in International Development. The internship is open to students from a wide variety of fields and is designed to

provide cross-cultural exposure and support to students seeking international employment. The program includes 9 to 12 weeks of experience in an African nation.

Applicants must be minorities at least 21 years of age and have a graduate degree by the start of the program. Contact Jay Harris, 554-2293, for more information.

Volunteer training

The Child Saving Institute will offer a training session on Feb. 4 for volunteers interested in providing emotional support to families for the prevention of child abuse. Volunteers will receive professional training in personal growth, communication skills and the satisfaction of helping others. Last year, the Child Saving Institute received the assistance of 3,500 callers through the Parent Assistance Line (PAL). For more information, contact Carol Pelan at 553-6000.

Job seminars

The UNO Career Planning and Placement Services will offer several seminars to help students search for jobs:

- Senior Sign Up Seminars will be offered on Thursday, Jan. 14, at noon and Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m.

- Resume Workshops will take place at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 20, and Thursday, Jan. 21.

- Interview Workshops begin at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 27, and Thursday, Jan. 28.

All seminars will take place in the upper level of the Student Center.

Graduate offices stay open

The Graduate Studies Office in Room 204 of the Eppley Administration Building will remain open until 6 p.m. on Monday evenings during the spring 1988 semester.

Alumni president chosen

Mark Jefferson has been selected as the new Board of Directors President for the UNO Alumni Association. Jefferson, a 1965 graduate, is the president of Jefferson, Otis and Co. He succeeds former president Pauline Lundgren of Northwestern Bell.

King celebration

The UNO black studies department will sponsor a program in honor of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. in the Student Center at 2 p.m. on Jan. 15, George Garrison said.

The program, titled "Martin Luther King Jr. — The Impact and Legacy of His Ideas," is "an attempt to provide a basic understanding of the ideas of Martin Luther King," Garrison, chairman of the black studies department, said.

While many people know that King was a baptist minister and was involved in the civil rights movement, few know how his thoughts developed, Garrison said. "In general, people don't know what his philosophy and ideas were," he said.

Garrison said students from area high schools and churches have been invited to the program in an effort to involve the entire community.

Regents from page 1

The proposed salaries for UNO non-faculty salaries are 13.1 percent for 1988-89, 12.3 percent for 1989-90 and 11.9 percent for 1990-91.

The Legislature would need to approve funding for the agreement. However, the final amount for the UNO faculty salary increases will be determined between the university and the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), Kermit Peters, UNO Faculty Senate president, said. Collective bargaining for the UNO salary increase is currently in progress, Peters said.

The tuition increase also seems to be receiving support from students.

The UNO student government has a resolution pending which supports a tuition hike to fund faculty salary increases.

The UN-L Associated Students of the Uni-

versity of Nebraska Student Government (ASUN) has already shown support for the plan by submitting a proposal to increase tuition up to \$4 per credit hour to increase faculty salaries. The \$4 was to be matched to the \$12 state appropriated increase.

In other business:

- UNO reported an increase of \$330,000 in tuition revenue this year. The tuition revenue was a result of an increase in enrollment, said Lou Cartier, director of University Relations.

"UNO experienced a better enrollment than anticipated. We had planned conservatively," he said.

UNO enrollment increased 1 to 2 percent, Cartier said.

The cash fund increase will be used for additional teaching and operating costs.

- The regents approved the renaming of the major in the master of science degree in educational administration at UNO.

Currently, UNO offers a master of science program with a major in elementary administration and a major in secondary administration. The change will substitute "educational administration and supervision" for all majors in that field.

The regents will be asked at Saturday's meeting to approve the design and name of the belltower to be built at UNO, Cartier said.

Cartier said the belltower construction will begin sometime this spring. "We should break ground sometime in April and work on it over the summer."

The construction is planned to be completed this fall, he said.

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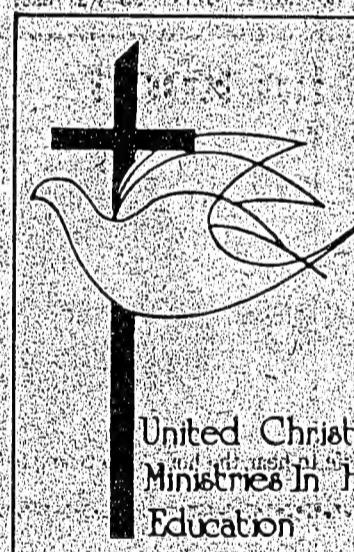
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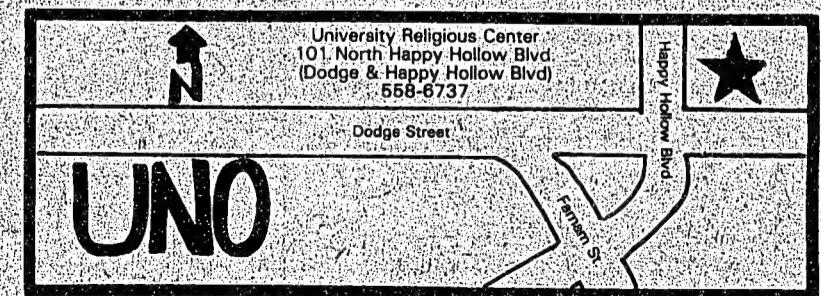


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Feb. 12 - 5 - 7 p.m. —	Pizza Party, University Religious Center
Feb. 16 - 11:30 a.m. —	Speaker: Former Lt. Col. Robert Bowman "Star Wars: Defenses or Death Star?" Gallery Room, MBSC
Feb. 18 - 7:30 p.m. —	Speaker: Ne. Attorney General Bob Spire "Ethics and Public Service" Ballroom, MBSC
Mar. 4 - 2:00 p.m. —	Book Review & Discussion: "The Closing of the American Mind" by Allen Bloom Dodge Room, MBSC
Mar. 9 - 12:00 noon —	The Last Lecture Series: Warren Benson Omaha Room, MBSC
Apr. 6 - 12:00 noon —	The Last Lecture Series: Maurice Conner Omaha Room, MBSC
Apr. 8 & 9 - American Baptist College Student Retreat, Camp Merrill	
Apr. 15 & 16 - Ne. Student Christian Retreat, Aurora, Ne	



Glidden recalled as 'a man of principle'

By MELANIE MORRISSEY
Staff Reporter

"When I say school, I don't mean an American-style school where you have a playground and you have a library and a cafeteria and classrooms. A school is wherever you can get teachers and students together — whether it be in a bombed-out building or in a cave or under a tree or in a tent." — G. Wayne Glidden

Glidden, a UNO professor in the college of education, died of a heart attack in Bangkok, Thailand, on Dec. 24 at the age of 55. Glidden was part of a team of Americans working on an educational project for Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

"He believed in the project, he believed in what he was doing and he believed that his efforts could and would make a difference," said college of education Dean Richard Flynn.

Glidden's original contact with Afghanistan was in 1974 when he, his wife and their five children moved to Kabul, Afghanistan. They lived in Afghanistan until June 1977.

While in Afghanistan, Glidden worked at Kabul University. In June of this year, Glidden told KVNO's Paul Borge he "did anything and everything that had to be done to try to improve teacher education at the university."

The education project Glidden was involved with began in September 1986 and should be completed by September 1989. It is part of a \$7.1 million contract with the U.S. Department of State.

Glidden also said the present situation in

Afghanistan was frightening.

"It's been literally 10 years that many villages, and that many areas of Afghanistan, have not had a school to educate their children," he said.

Flynn told Glidden's family and friends that "one of the things that impressed me most about Wayne was his deep sense of caring about others; his own family, his students, colleagues and the Afghan people."

"We talked and corresponded a good bit about the Afghan children. Wayne would become quite emotional and embittered in describing the plight of the children due to the continuing war. He would reflect a certain sense of helplessness, yet he always talked with pride regarding the potential his current project had on educating and influencing the youth," he said.

Glidden was one of the first people UNO Chancellor Del Weber knew when he came to UNO in 1977, Weber said.

Weber recalled Glidden once saying, "I don't intend to spend the rest of my life in Kaiser Hall. I want to do something significant with my life," Weber said. "He did."

Donald Grandgenett, Glidden's friend and education colleague, said that "a lot of people talk about their dreams, and that's all they really are. He took probably what he thought, I'm sure on some days, was an impossible dream and made it come true."

Another colleague remembers Glidden as an educational missionary.

"He not only talked about how it should be done, but he was also an example to all of us because he went out and did it," said Donald Cushingberry, UNO education profes-

sor.

Grandgenett praised Glidden as a teacher.

"If you take the word 'teacher' and you take the word 'example,' I think they both have the same number of letters. Example, as defined by many people, is something worthy of imitation, and I think that describes Wayne. He was something worthy of imitation," he said.

Glidden was also a hard worker, Cushingberry said.

"He was probably the first person to be in the building each morning. And one of the last to leave."

Grandgenett said Glidden's work was his recreation.

"Here was a man who was reported to have listened to short-wave radio at night to keep informed about world conditions," he said.

Cushingberry said Glidden was a good role model for both his students and the faculty. "He made you think. You may not agree with him, but he made you think. You'd walk away saying, 'That's an interesting point. Many times I've done that,'" Cushingberry said.

Glidden can never be replaced at UNO, Cushingberry said.

"Someone can teach his courses, but not in the same way he did," he said.

"Wayne was a man of principle, a man with convictions, a man who was willing to put his time, energy and expertise where his mouth was. His service to his family, his college, his university, the Afghan people and country gave evidence to this," Flynn said.

"He made you think. You may not agree with him, but he made you think. You'd walk away saying, 'That's an interesting point. Many times I've done that.'

— Donald Cushingberry

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Art and reason

When Mark and I decided to spend the weekend at his mother's house, I never imagined I would be walking into a mouse's nightmare. There were cats everywhere. Cat plaques, cat statues, cat clocks, even a cat mat. I couldn't begin to duplicate her collection of kitty litter if I spent a year at a garage sale. Conspicuously absent, however, was a real cat. Strange, I thought, and began to fear that a weekend with cat woman could be a lot less than purr-fect.

But then she came home, and Mark introduced her. She was dressed surprisingly well—no leopard pants. In fact, you could say she was the cat's meow, but I'd rather not.

She offered me a cup of Dutch Chocolate Mint. Now that was something I could relate to. Then she brought it out in the most beautiful, distinctly unfeline china I'd ever seen. As we sipped, I found out that Mrs. Campbell has my same weakness for chocolate, loves the theater as much as I do, but, incredibly, never saw "Cats." So Mark and I are taking her next month.

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Professor W. Bacon... on communism, traveling abroad and 'globe-trotting'

By DAN SWIATEK
Feature Editor

Political science Professor Walter Bacon's office is a scholarly jumble no larger than a bathroom.

Texts such as "Gorbachev's Challenge" and "Political Ideologies—Their Origins and Impact" clutter his desk. Back issues of *Le Monde* and *Pravda*, scattered about, complete the effect.

"I haven't had a chance to read these yet," he said, referring to the newspapers while grabbing a chair from the top of a shelf—forcing one of us to back out of the office.

We discussed his experiences in Eastern Europe in light of news events from the last two months.

Bacon researched his Ph.D dissertation in Romania during the early '70s and has visited the country twice since then as well as most other Eastern bloc nations. He's currently writing a book on personality cults in communist countries which surround individuals such as Stalin and Mao. Bacon's book is titled, "Larger Than Life: Personality Cults in Communist Countries."

For his first visit to Eastern Europe, Bacon invested in a short wave radio so he could listen to communist broadcasts.

The Gateway Interview

He brought the radio back and added to it. The setup in his home is now something of a hobby to aid in his teaching.

Almost 10 Western countries broadcast into communist Europe.

"They're all very much listened to. The programming is much better than the (Eastern European) domestic stations. It also tells people what's actually going on in the West. There's a tremendous hunger on the part of Eastern Europeans for what's going on in the West," he said.

Eastern broadcasts

Likewise, Eastern Europe broadcasts into the West. The most powerful signal is Radio Moscow which transmits programming in all the major languages of the West. The standard broadcast fare consists of current and cultural events discussions and lots of folk music.

"Some of (the programs) are very good; however, most of it's pretty awful," Bacon said, explaining that the Soviets haven't quite mastered Western-style entertainment.

The Voice of America's programming is very similar to what is heard on U.S. AM and FM stations. "We broadcast jazz and pop music, stuff that's happening in the West. We're not heavy handed in terms of political propaganda and sort of boring cultural things," he said.

VOA broadcasts cannot be heard within the United States, "however, if you're clever, you can pick it up on your short wave. It's too bad because the VOA news broadcasts are excellent. They also have some terrific music programs," Bacon said.



The most popular radio broadcast in the world is a one-hour jazz program heard every evening, he said.

"The guy who is the host of that show is one of the most recognized American names in the world. But we can't get that."

Midway through our interview, Bacon gets a phone call from VOA. "Well, speak of the devil. That was VOA!" Their news bureau has asked Bacon for an interview on "their best program on current events — Focus." He accepts the offer.

"Where were we? Oh yeah...." Getting back to the reason Western broadcasts are popular in Eastern bloc countries, Bacon explained: "We're not scared of the truth. The rest of the world seems to be scared of the truth. That's one of the aspects of Western democracy which is very attractive to people around the world," he said.

American films are occasionally shown in Eastern Europe, "but only those with a socially, politically suitable topic like, 'The Grapes of Wrath.' They'll say, 'Look how the workers and farmers are exploited in the United States. What they won't show is stuff like old John Wayne movies,'" he said.

Romania

Bacon describes the time period in which he visited Romania as Romania's "Golden Age." There was great cultural liberalization, political relaxation. Enough food was available. People's expectations were rising.

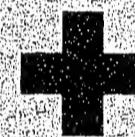
Today things are not so positive. "There's very little food to eat, long lines for practically everything, political Stalinism, oppression, cultural tightening. Things are not good in Romania at all. I have absolutely no desire to go back to Romania until there is a relaxation of the current state of affairs," he said.

Bacon still has many friends in Romania. Communicating with them is a problem, though.

"Basically everything is opened. I just got a letter from one of my friends the other day and the secret police did a very bad job of sealing the envelope."

If the content of the letter is questionable on the communist end, the correspondence never reaches its destination. And

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there can be repercussions for the originator.

As an American, Bacon said his life-style in Romania today would be much different than what he experienced during his other visits.

"(Twelve years ago) you could sit down in a cafe and take two hours with a cup of coffee and talk with Romanian intellectuals and have a fairly open discussion. That's totally impossible today. Microphones are all over the place," he said.

Telephones of Americans are tapped. Americans are followed. This stems from the basic assumption by Eastern European countries that American scholars are agents of American government intelligence.

Despite this scrutinization, adapting to a communist culture wasn't impossible, Bacon said. Americans are allowed special privileges. They can eat in certain restaurants, have access to dollar shops where they can buy the necessities of life not available at regular stores and, in general, meet with officials of the state.

And besides, "they have better beer, so what the heck."

Lack of funds

Returning to Eastern Europe, especially to visit Gorbachev's Russia, is something Bacon would love to do, but university funds do not permit extended study leave. A short visit abroad does

not really offer much insight, he said.

"When you travel and do not stay for long periods of time you don't get to taste the culture — how people lead their daily lives. You can learn so much about what's going on in a country by whether the people standing in line are polite," he said.

The political science department has decided against sending a professor to Prague, Czechoslovakia, to participate in UNO's new association with Charles University since the UNO administration will not hire a part-time teacher to cover the teaching load.

This decision by UNO is working against UNO's global research goals, Bacon said.

The administration, if it is serious about international outreach, has got to get the faculty involved. So far, we have administrators globe-trotting and getting what I consider to be free rides for not doing very much.

"They are flying around the world to participate in short-term conferences, to sign names on dotted lines — very important agreements. I'm not going to take away from the agreements that are signed — but in terms of a continued presence of UNO overseas, we've got to send faculty for longer periods of time," Bacon said.

Hosting

Bacon occasionally hosts East European guests in Omaha. When he does, he makes it a point to show his guests locations of poverty and agricultural depression as well as favorable sights.

"I say, 'Look, everything isn't rosy here. I think it's a lot rosier here than it is in your country. The streets are not paved with gold. But I want you to see this. That's the strength of our country. We've always had glasnost.'

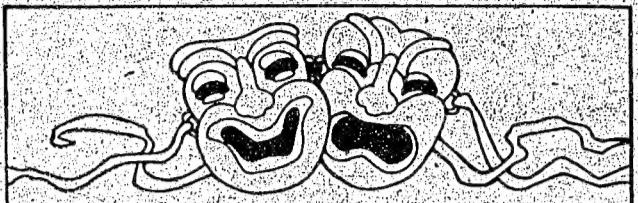
What do they think of Omaha?

"Most of my visitors are from major cities in Eastern Europe: Prague, Warsaw, Moscow, and they say, 'Oh my gosh, this is really a provincial place.' I try to convince them of the wealth of cultural activities that go on in this city. They are unconvinced," he said.

Bacon's most recent experience was with two Romanians. "They said, 'Gee, it's nice to see Omaha, but I couldn't possibly live here. There's absolutely nothing to do.' They're used to this sort of intellectual ferment that is present in all East European capitals," Bacon said.

Eastern Europeans tend to congregate in America's more cosmopolitan cities: Boston, New York ("certainly not Philadelphia"), Washington, D.C., "maybe" Houston and San Francisco ("not Los Angeles").

"From the European perspective, it's East Coast or bust," Bacon said.



Arts Preview

January 24th... David Low performs in concert in the Performing Arts Center.

January 31st... Faculty recital featuring pianist Harold Payne in the Performing Arts Center.

February 3rd... "Roaches" opens in the University Theatre.

February 18th... SPO's "Season of Variety" series presents the Wynton Marsalis quintet in Joslyn's Witherspoon Concert Hall.

February 21st... Orchestral concert in the Performing Arts Center.

February 26th... Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble perform in concert in the Performing Arts Center.

February 27th... High School Honor Band concert in the Performing Arts Center... The Moving Company dance troupe opens its spring concert in the University Theatre.

February 28th... Choral concert in the Performing Arts Center.

March 4th... "A Lesson from Aloes" opens in the Studio Theatre.

March 13th... Oboist Kermit Peters featured during a faculty recital in the Performing Arts Center.

March 19th... SPO's "Season of Variety" series presents the Ballet Hispanico of New York in the Performing Arts Center.

March 20th... Violinist Paul Todd featured during a faculty recital in the Performing Arts Center.

April 15th... SPO's "Season of Variety" series presents the Nishikawa School of Japanese Dance in the Performing Arts Center.

April 16th... The All Star Jazz Band performs in concert in the Performing Arts Center.

April 17th... The Symphonic Wind Ensemble performs in the Performing Arts Center.

April 22nd... "Twelfth Night" opens in the University Theatre.

April 23rd... Choral concert in the Performing Arts Center.

April 30th... Orchestral concert in the Performing Arts Center.

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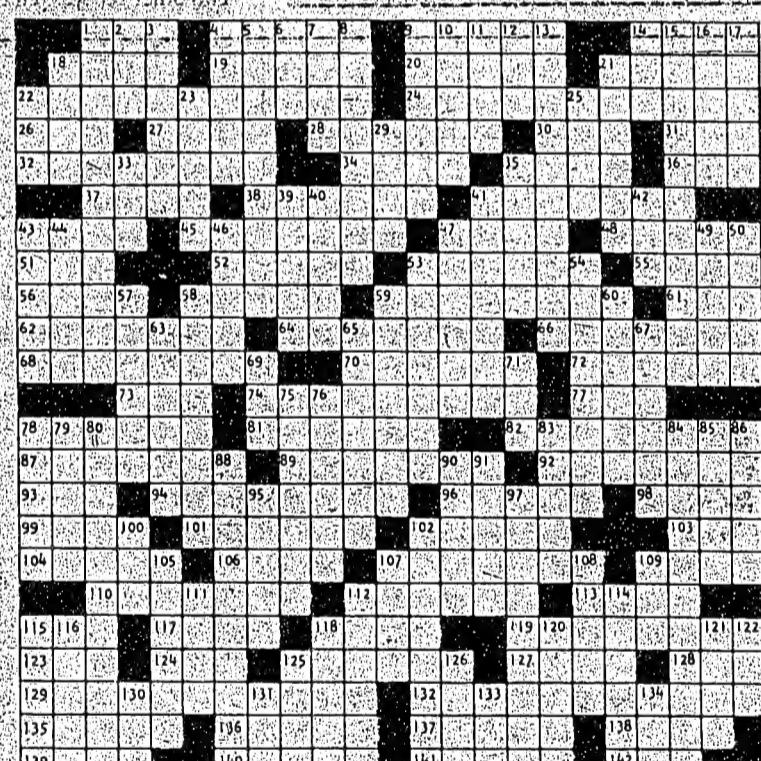
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Sports

'Browns are best'

You can talk about the Minnesota (amazing) Vikings, the Chicago (poor Jim taco-breath McMahon) Bears, the Denver (overrated) Broncos, the Washington (second-best) Redskins and the Houston (luckiest playoff team) Oilers. But the truly best team will add a Super Bowl title to its long, illustrious championship list. The awesome Cleveland Browns!

Tim Bodeen,
UNO student

Isn't it good to be back in school? Some of the choice teams to watch include: UNO mens basketball. Looks to be a contender now that (Tom) Thompson can or will play a whole game and (Coach Bob) Hanson has quit berating his players in the press.

Mike Denney's wrestlers. Enough said. They're always good.

Bleacher Backtalk

The Lady Mavs basketball team is slipping because it relies too much on one superstar and not enough on a good guard court. Will somebody please lend a hand to Laura J?

Congratulations to the volleyball team on your third place finish in a row. A suggestion, Tone down the No. 1 hype before you get a Cornhusker complex.

Larry Kirshbaum,
UNO student

Only one thing can make me leave the warmth of my home or cozy neighborhood bar to watch a game at UNO. Start treating us as adults and start serving beer at the games.

Bill Richards,
UNO student

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Earns 3rd No. 3 rating in row

UNO's Final Four finish familiar

By MARK HAGGAR
Staff Reporter

Three UNO seniors fell short of their national championship dreams, but they leave behind them a showcase of volleyball memorabilia.

In the first Final Four tournament ever to be held at UNO's Fieldhouse, the Lady Mavs fell for the fourth straight time this season to No. 2 Central Missouri State in the semifinals.

In the last game for UNO seniors Lori Schutte, Lisa Lyons and Darla Melcher, the Lady Mavs were unable to overcome the power of Central Missouri State's attack. The Jennies beat the Lady Mavs in a four-game match 6-15, 15-8, 15-9, 15-8.

UNO bounced back to win the third-place consolation match for the third straight year, coming from a two-game deficit to win 11-15, 11-15, 15-6, 15-4, 16-14.

The Lady Mavs wound up the season with a record of 35-6, winning 88 percent of their matches.

It was also the third straight year the Lady Mavs finished third in the NCAA Division II poll. Cal-State Northridge won the tournament and was crowned the national champion. Central Missouri State finished second and Ferris (Mich.) State finished fourth.

Two of the UNO seniors graduated with top honors in Division II. Lori Schutte and Darla Melcher won Russell All-American honors for the first time while junior Ruth Evans was a repeat selection.

Schutte also finished the year with All-Conference, All-Academic, All-Regional and All-Tournament honors. Schutte broke Allie Nuzum-Majerus' single-season hitting percentage mark with a .396. Nuzum-Majerus' mark was .376.

"All the honors don't really mean that much to me; I just want a national championship," Schutte said earlier in the year.

Melcher echoed Schutte's sentiments. The senior transfer from Nebraska-Lincoln had to be satisfied with All-Conference and All-Regional honors along with the record for the most assists in a single match, 70.

Lisa Lyons capped off her four-year career by adding yet another record to the books. Lyons set the record for the most digs in a career, 1,098.

Two other records fell to the 1987 Lady Mavs. Evans set the



Akitoshi Kizaki

Freshman Colleen Hurley a big grin and outstretched arms appear to signal her recovery from the Lady Mavs' volleyball defeat in the Final Four. Other UNO players pictured, right from Hurley, Debbie Eickholt, Kim Schlaege, Kelly Nicolas and Nancy Liebentritt

record for the most block assists in a match, 11. Freshman Brenda Baumann earned the record for the highest hitting percentage in a match, 923.

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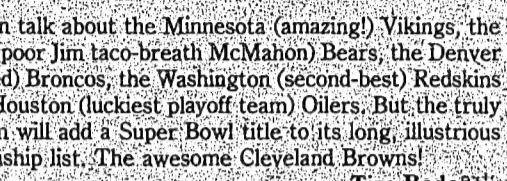
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'Spirited' UNO bestows milestone win on Hanson

By GEORGE E. WURTZ
Staff Reporter

If giving is more important than receiving, the UNO mens basketball team displayed the proper spirit over the holiday break.

The team gave Coach Bob Hanson his 300th coaching victory Jan. 9 in a 76-67 victory over South Dakota State.

Hanson's career mark now stands at 300-210 in his 18th year at UNO. Hanson's career-winning percentage of .588 is more than 100 percentage points better than the school's overall mark of .481 (670-723). When Hanson took the job in 1969, UNO had won just 42 percent of its basketball games in history.

The Mavs, 8-3 overall and 1-1 in the North Central Conference, missed their chance to give Hanson his milestone win Friday when

they fell behind 27-7 and lost their NCC opener to 11-0 Augustana.

It was the second time this year the Vikings defeated UNO. The first time was in the NCC tourney, a heartbreaking 77-72 loss to the eventual champions.

The Mavs turned back a late rally by South Dakota to win their NCC tourney opener 88-85. After the Augustana loss, the Mavs regrouped to take third place in the tourney by pounding Northern Colorado 82-69.

The Mavs, picked to finish sixth in the NCC pre-season coaches' poll, gained renewed respect with their third-place finish, Hanson said.

"We showed, on a given night, we can play with anyone," Hanson said. "But we have to come to play."

The Mavs play tonight at 8:05 in the UNO Fieldhouse against South Dakota.

Wrestlers capture Illinois title

UNO, led by four undefeated wrestlers, captured the team title of the Illinois State Dual Meet Tournament in Normal, Ill., Friday.

Bobby Thompson at 126 pounds, Larry Thompson at 150, and Brad Hildebrandt at 158 finished the tournament with 4-0 records. Three-time All-American R.J. Nebe finished 2-0-1 after being held out of one dual because of sickness.

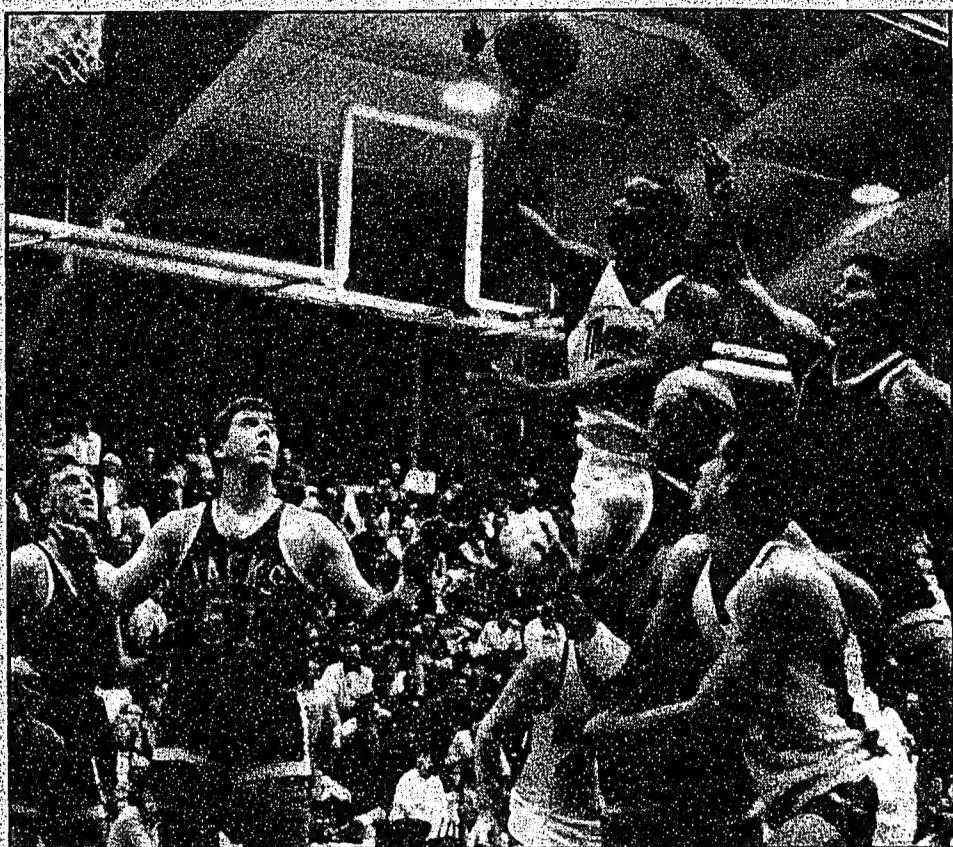
Jeff Randall, UNO's 167-pound All-American, was held out of the tournament due to fluid on the knee. Denney said Randall should be ready

for the NCC opener.

The Mavs, ranked second in Division II, have been idle since Dec. 12 after crowning seven individual champions at the Kearney State Open.

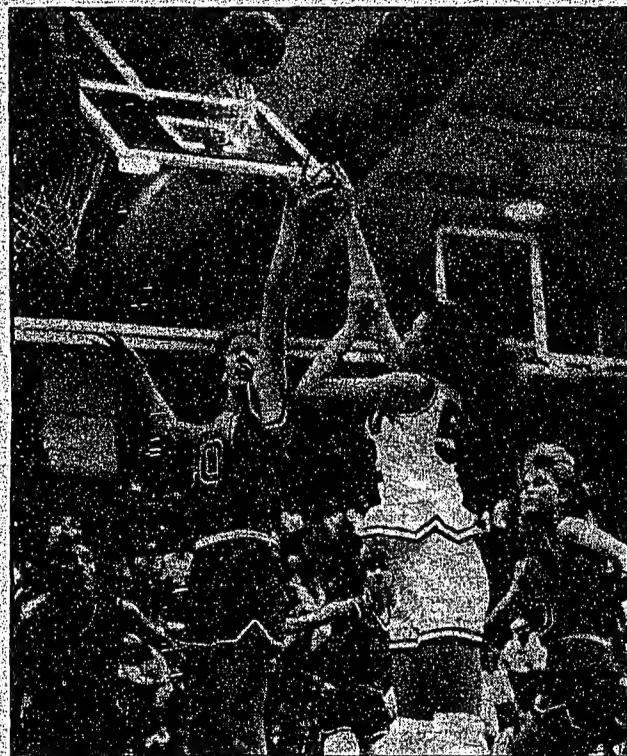
UNO showed few effects from the layoff in defeating Eastern Illinois 29-11, Northern Illinois 37-4 and Central Missouri State 29-15 on the way to the Illinois State title.

UNO defeated Illinois State 25-12 in the championship match. The Mavs won 7 of 10 matches against the host school.



— Akitoshi Kizaki

Freshman Reggie Mahone ignores a SDSU Jackrabbit while shooting a one-handed jumper in the Mavs' 76-67 win Saturday.



All-America Laura J. Anderson, No. 52, has been UNO's most consistent player.

With 39-point NCC win Lady Mavs post record rout

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

Will the real Lady Mavs basketball team please stand up?

UNO ripped off five straight wins to begin the season, two short of the school record. The Lady Mavs then lost four of their next five games including a 70-64 setback to Augustana in their North Central Conference opener at the UNO Fieldhouse Friday.

"We shot 28 percent in the first half at home," UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg said. "It's hard to figure that out. That's a figure you would shoot on the road, not at home."

Saturday, the Lady Mavs smoked previously unbeaten South Dakota State with 64 percent shooting on the way to a 90-51 triumph. The 39-point spread was the largest ever for UNO in NCC play.

The Lady Mavs broke the game open with a school-record 23-0 run to take a 30-4 lead midway through the first half. UNO improved to 7-4 overall, 1-1 in the NCC. South Dakota State is 10-1 and 1-1.

"Everyone played like they had their business cards out," Mankenberg said of UNO's improved effort Saturday. "South Dakota State is a good team, but we caught them coming off an emotional win over South Dakota. I think it was the first time they had ever beaten them."

All-American Laura J. Anderson led UNO with 42 points in the two games. For the season, Anderson leads the Lady Mavs with a 20.9 scoring average.

UNO plays South Dakota tonight at 6 in the Fieldhouse as the first game of a doubleheader with the mens team. Mankenberg said the Lady Mavs cannot afford further inconsistency.

"We play five conference games in eight days," she said. "We'll find out in a hurry where we stand in the league after this week. But I think we picked up a lot of confidence, and I hope our slump is over."

Where It's At MENS BASKETBALL

Today South Dakota St., 8:05.
Jan. 15 at St. Cloud St., 7:30.
Jan. 16 at Mankato St., 7:30.

WOMENS BASKETBALL

Today South Dakota, 6.
Jan. 15 at Mankato St., 6.
Jan. 16 at St. Cloud St., 5:45.

WRESTLING

Jan. 15 S. Dakota St. and St. Cloud St., 6.
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